

**Section 1. Amendments to the Specification-Abstract**

Please replace the original abstract of the application with the following new abstract:

**Abstract**

The invention ~~comprises~~ A saw blade support (9) that can be located on the blade (5) of a saw to reduce flexing of the blade in use, at least part of the support (9) being removable from the blade to facilitate the penetration of the blade into an article being sawn. The support (9) may be pivotally attached or attachable to the saw, and the removal of at least part of the support (9) from the blade (5) to facilitate the penetration of the blade (5) into an article (21) being sawn may comprise pivoting of the support with respect to the blade such that the support rests on the article.